

**REMARKS**

The indicated allowability of claims 7 and 15-23 is noted, with thanks.

The specification has been amended to correct minor grammatical and typographical errors.

The drawing FIGS. 5B and 12B have been amended to include several reference characters.

Claims 7, 15, 22 and 23 have been amended to correct grammatical errors, and claims 7, 15 and 23 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections.

No new matter has been entered by any of the foregoing amendments.

As for the Examiner's statement that a "divisional application should set forth only that portion of the earlier disclosure which is germane to the invention as claimed in the divisional application," Applicant is unaware of any such rule in the MPEP. In fact, Section 201.06 of the MPEP states that a "divisional application should set forth at least that portion of the earlier disclosure which is germane to the invention as claimed in the divisional application." Since Applicant's claims are fully supported by Applicant's specification, the subject Application conforms to the provisions of the MPEP relating to divisional applications.

Turning to the Examiner's objection as to the drawings, the claims, specification and FIGS. 5B and 12B have been amended accordingly. More specifically, main slit 7 and sub slit 8 are described as similar to the wide slit 10 (page 25, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph). Also, FIG. 12B has been amended to label the main slit portion 100 and the sub slit portion 102, and to describe a distance d2 and d1, which is also depicted in amended FIG. 5B. Finally, claim 23 has been

amended to remove the language "recesses provided in said circuit substrate." Thus, it is believed that all of the Examiner's drawing objections have been overcome.

Turning to the Examiner's claim objections, the claims have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections. More specifically, in claim 7, "each said TCP" has been amended to read "each of said TCP's", and the abbreviated term TCP has been defined. Also in claim 7 the language "extending in parallel to the extending direction of said rounded region," and "provided in said first region" have been removed. Thus, it is believed that the Examiner's objections as to claim 7 have been overcome. As for the objections as to claim 15, "each said TCP" has been changed to "each of said TCP's" and the terms "auxiliary slit" and "rounded portion slit" have been changed to "sub slit portion" and "main slit portion," respectively. Thus, it is believed the Examiner's objections as to claim 15 have been overcome. Finally, as for the Examiner's objections to claims 18, 21 and 23, in claims 18 and 21, "said TCP" has been changed to "each of said TCP's." In claim 23, the antecedent issues have been removed. Thus, it is believed that all of the Examiner's objections as to the claims and the Figures have been overcome.

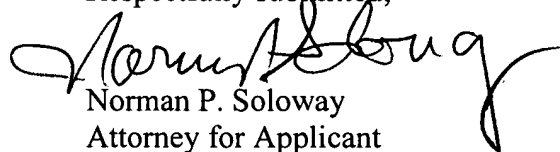
Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

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**Annotated Marked-up Figures 5B and 12B**

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FIG. 5A

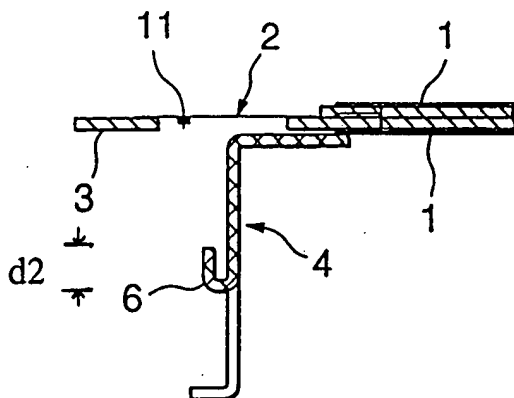


FIG. 5B

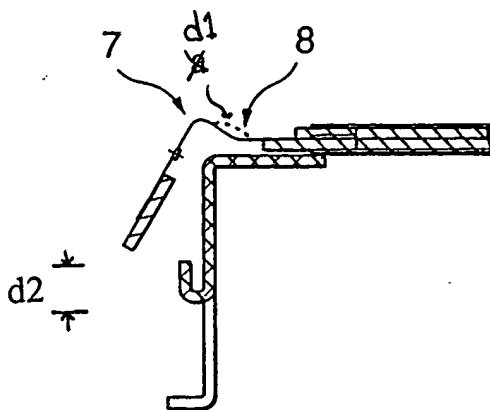
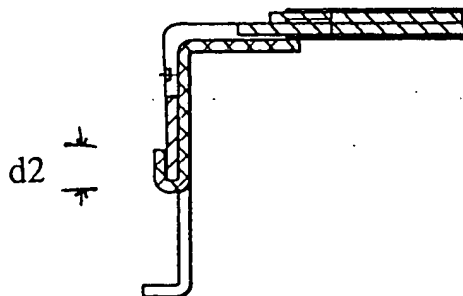


FIG. 5C



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FIG. 12A

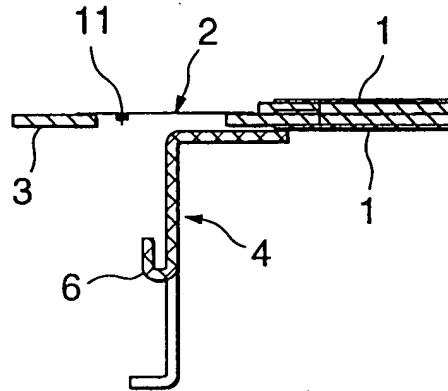


FIG. 12B

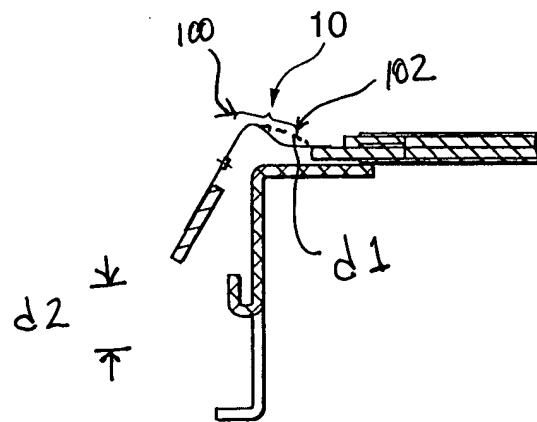


FIG. 12C

